

REMARKS

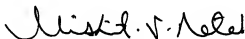
Claims 1, 3-10, 12-19, 21-26, 28-33, 35-42, and 44-48 are currently pending. Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 12, 17, 33, 35, and 40 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during an interview conducted on July 10, 2009. During the interview, independent claims 1, 19, 26, 33, and 42 were discussed to discuss the amendments made above except for the change to “the amount of the medium” of currency in claims 1 and 10, and the amendments made above were agreed to. U.S. Patent Nos. 6110043, 5762552, and 7297059 were mentioned by the Examiner during the interview but were not discussed in detail because the Examiner indicated that the presently pending claims were allowable over the patents. Further, during the interview, the Examiner made a restriction requirement during the interview between Species I and Species II. Species I includes claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, 33, and 35-41, and Species II includes claims 19, 21-26, 28-32, 42, and 44-48. Applicants elect, without traverse, claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, 33, and 35-41 of Species I.

Additionally, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 10 to change “the amount of the medium of currency” to “an amount of a medium of currency” to provide antecedent basis to the amount and the medium.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited and Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 663-1100.

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